§ 3516.16 What must I include with my application?

You must agree to pay the annual charge identified in the permit, and provide the following information:

- (a) Specific reasons why you need the additional lands;
- (b) A description of the lands applied for:
- (c) Any information demonstrating that the lands are suitable and appropriate for your needs; and
- (d) Evidence that the lands are unoccupied and unappropriated.

$\$\,3516.20$ Is there an annual fee or charge for use of the lands?

Yes. You must pay the annual \$1 per acre rental, or \$20, whichever is greater, on or before the anniversary date of the permit.

§ 3516.30 What happens if I fail to pay the annual rental on my use permit?

Your use permit will terminate automatically if you fail to pay the required rental within 30 days after we serve you with a written notice of the rental requirement.

Subpart 3517—Hardrock Mineral Development Contracts; Processing and Milling Arrangements

§3517.10 What are development contracts and processing and milling arrangements?

Development contracts and processing and milling arrangements involving hardrock minerals are agreements between one or more lessees and one or more other persons to justify large scale operations for the discovery, development, production, or transportation of ores.

§ 3517.11 Are permits and leases covered by approved agreements exempt from the acreage limitations?

Hardrock mineral permits and leases committed to development contracts or processing or milling arrangements approved by BLM are exempt from state and nationwide acreage limitations. We will not count them toward your maximum acreage holdings. However, individual hardrock mineral

leases committed to a development contract or lease may not exceed 2560 acres in size.

§3517.15 How do I apply for approval of one of these agreements?

No specific form is required. Submit three copies of your application to the BLM office with jurisdiction over some or all of the lands in which you are interested. Include the following information:

- (a) Copies of the contract or other agreement affecting the Federal hardrock mineral leases or permits, or both:
- (b) A statement showing the nature and reason for your request;
- (c) A statement showing all the interests held in the area of the agreement by the designated contractor; and
- (d) The proposed or agreed upon plan of operation for development of the leased lands.

§ 3517.16 How does BLM process my application?

- (a) We will consider whether the agreement will conserve natural resources and is in the public interest.
- (b) Once the agreement is signed by all the parties, we may approve it.

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